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National Emergency Management Agency

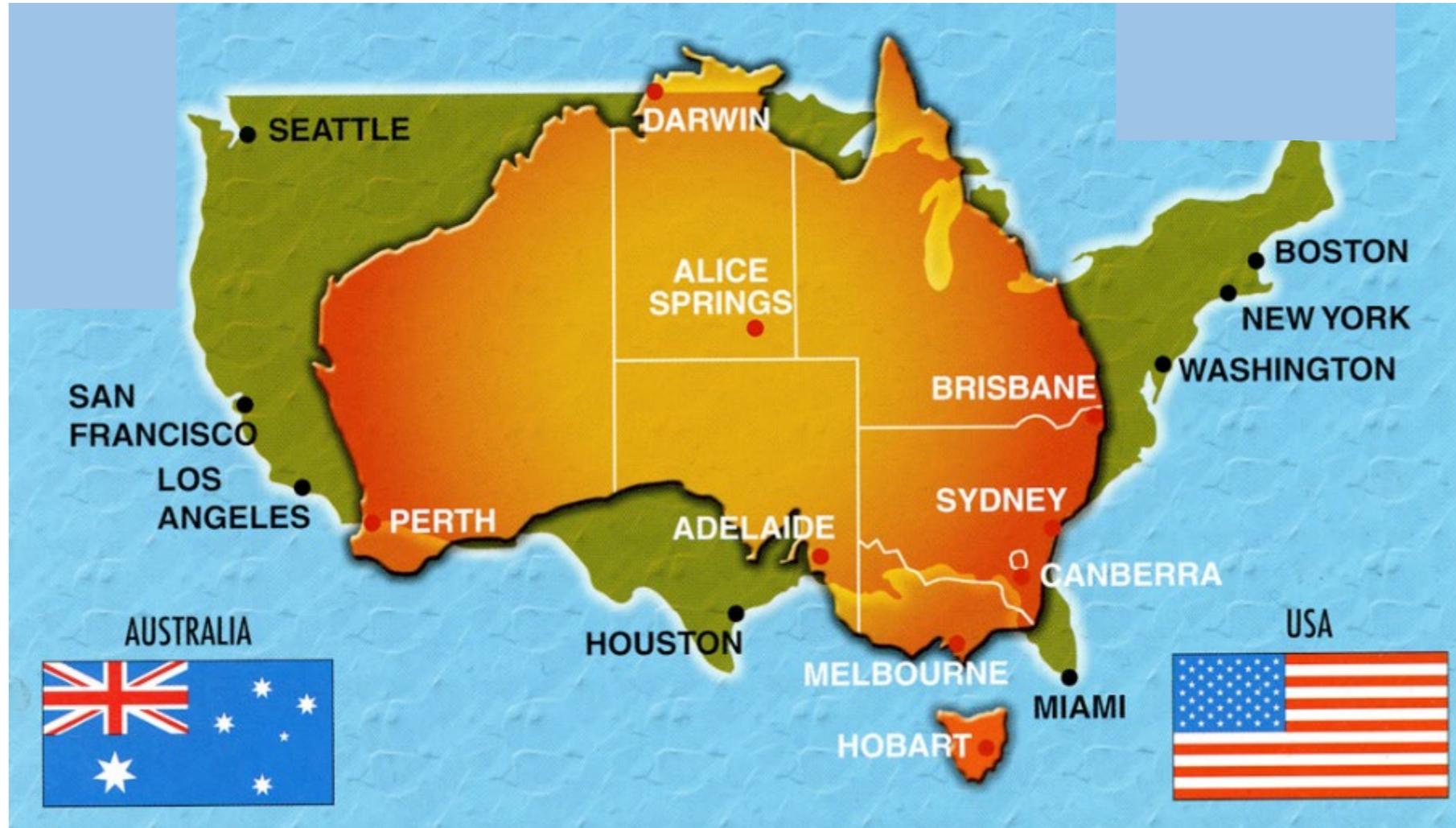
Australian Fire Specialist Delegation



Californian Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee

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Australia over the USA

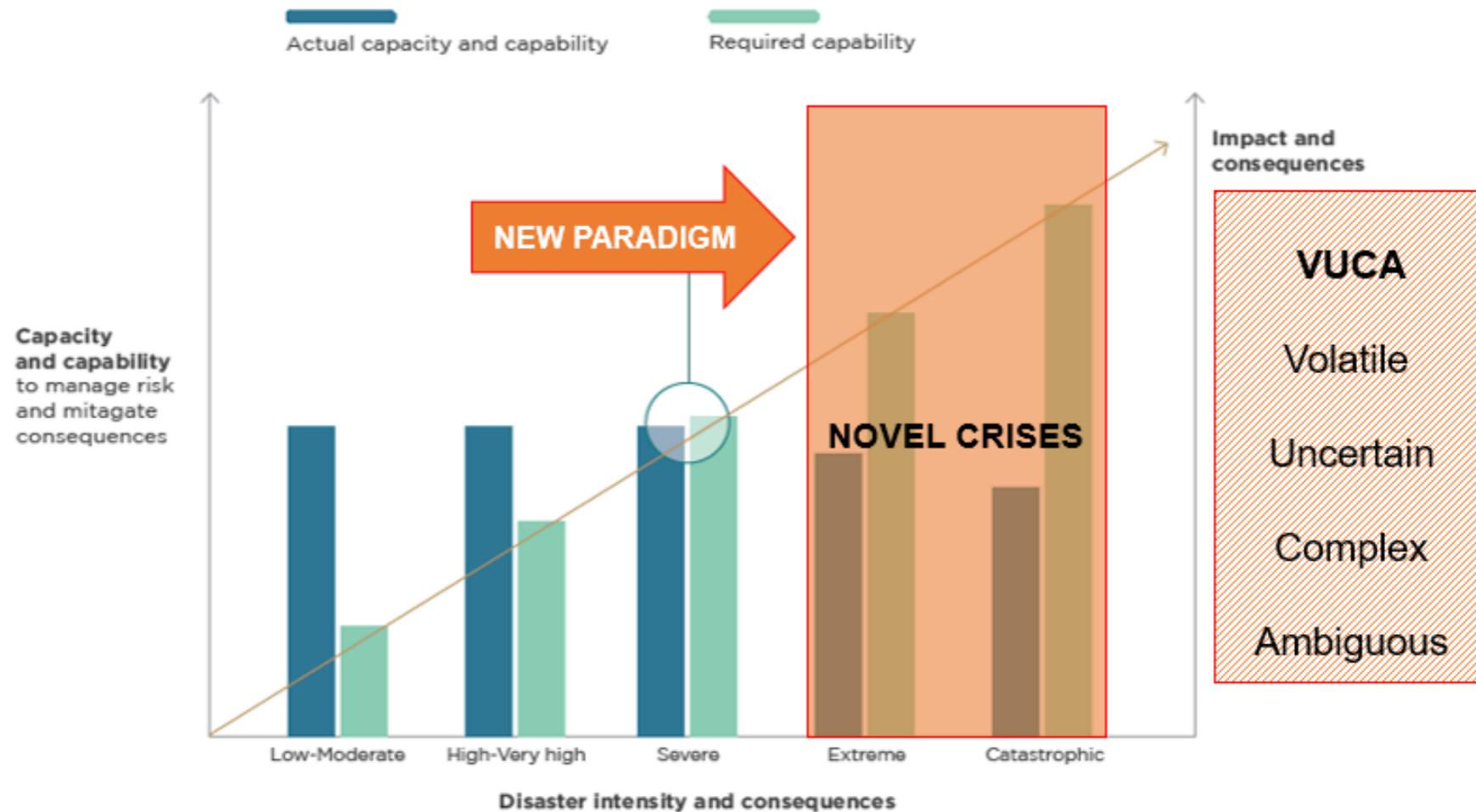


Australian Delegation

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- Melissa Pexton - Deputy Commissioner, Fire and Emergency Services, Western Australia
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- Sam Quigley - Deputy Chief Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria
- Garry Cook - Deputy Chief Officer, Country Fire Authority, Victoria
- Rebecca Hosking – Assistant Secretary, National Crisis Coordination, NEMA



Disaster Intensity and Consequence



Crosweller M, Tschakert P. *Climate change and disasters: The ethics of leadership*



Australian Wildfire Mitigation System

☐ Emergency Management Governance

- Jurisdictional - Legislation
- National – Policy

☐ Building Codes – AS 3959

☐ Bushfire Attack Levels

☐ Risk Governance

- Wildfire Risk overlays and plans
- National policy and jurisdictional legislation

☐ Hazard/Fuel Management

- Prescribed Burning
- Mechanical clearing
- Strategic fire breaks
- Remote water heli tanks



Australian Wildfire Mitigation System

- ❑ Australian Fire Danger Rating System
- ❑ Australian Warning System
- ❑ National and Jurisdictional Preparedness Program - annual
 - Community Education and Engagement
 - Stakeholder engagement
- ❑ Seasonal Weather and Climate Outlook
 - AFAC Bushfire Seasonal Outlook
- ❑ Wildfire predictive services
- ❑ Aerial Firefighting
 - Fleet based on seasonal risk
- ❑ Pre-established Incident Control Centres
 - Activation Triggers and Staffing
- ❑ National Resource Sharing Arrangements
- ❑ Specialist Capabilities – winch, rappel and arduous fire fighters
- ❑ International MOU's and reciprocal fire fighting arrangements
- ❑ Evidence and research based lessons and development





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Conclusion and Questions